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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KATHLEEN MARY JONES, N

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

LVR HOLDINGS,

Defendant(s).

No. C 06-3606 JCS (MEJ)

ORDER SETTING DEADLINE RE: DISMISSAL OF STATE LAW CLAIM

ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING RE:

STATUS

AUGUST 14, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.

On July 3, 2008, the Court held a hearing regarding the status of the parties' settlement agreement. Gavin McGrane appeared on behalf of Plaintiff Kathleen Mary Jones. Defendant Richard Cutshall failed to appear, and the Court was unable to contact him by telephone. The Court was also unable to reach Scott Kenard, counsel for Third Party Ford Motor Credit Company ("Ford").

At issue was whether Mr. Cutshall made a final payment to Ford under the terms of the parties' agreement. Although Mr. Cutshall provided Ford a personal check in May, that check did not immediately clear, and its status is uncertain at this point. On June 19, 2008, Mr. McGrane filed a letter stating Plaintiff's position that there is no settlement because Mr. Cutshall failed to make the required payment, and Ford has failed to dismiss its state court lawsuit against her. At the July 3 hearing, however, Mr. McGrane argued in the alternative that by accepting Mr. Cutshall's personal check, Ford has been paid under the settlement agreement, and its only remedy is to bring a claim directly against Mr. Cutshall.

In an effort to keep the parties' settlement agreement intact, the Court shall give a final opportunity for Mr. Cutshall to ensure that payment is made, via clearance of the personal check or

other means. Thus, Ford has until August 13, 2008 to dismiss its state court lawsuit against
Plaintiff.<sup>1</sup> If Ford has not dismissed its state law claims, the Court shall either immediately vacate
the settlement and refer this matter to Magistrate Judge Spero for disposition, or order briefing from
the parties' regarding Mr. McGrane's argument at the July 3 hearing.

The Court shall conduct a status hearing on August 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom B.

The Court shall conduct a status hearing on August 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom B. All parties are required to attend the hearing. If any party wishes to appear by telephone, that party shall provide a toll-free number at which they may be reached by August 13, 2008.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY PART OF THIS ORDER BY ANY PARTY MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Dated: July 3, 2008** 

MARIA-ELEX AMES United States Magistrate Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although the Court stated August 14 at the hearing, that is the date of the further hearing and any action must take place before then.

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#### 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 4 KATHLEEN MARY JONES, Case Number: CV06-03606 JCS 5 Plaintiff, **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 6 v. 7 LVR HOLDINGS et al, 8 Defendant. 9 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District 10 Court, Northern District of California. 11 That on July 3, 2008, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said 12 envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office. 13 Richard Cutshall 14 254 Onslow Place West Vancouver, BC V7S 1K5 15 Robert Scott Kennard 16 Nelson & Kennard 2180 Harvard St, Suite 160 17 Sacramento CA 95815 18 Dated: July 3, 2008 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk 19 By: Brenda Tolbert, Deputy Clerk 20 21 22 23 24 25 26